



A True and Impartial

ACCOUNT

OF THE

DUKE OF MONMOUTH'S

Being taken into Custody, and his putting in Bail
before Judge *Raymond* September 25. 1682.

THe following Narrative is not calculated with a design to inflame parties, or to please the humor, or to raise the credit of one separate Interest by false Flourishes and Insinuations, and by raising injurious Inferences and Consequences thereupon; but an innocent endeavour to gratify the inquisitive by a true and full Relation of the manner how his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth* was taken into Custody, which has been a surprize to the minds of many, who we know have an earnest desire to be satisfied with the particular Account of that whole Affair.

And in the management of this Narrative, 'twill be superfluous to give the Reader the particular Transactions of his Grace's Progress towards the Western parts of this Kingdom; for that may be had in most of the Intelligences: but I shall contain my self within the Limits of relating those most eminent passages that happened from *September* the 16th. the Date of the Warrant for his Graces Apprehension, to *September* 25. when his Grace put in Bail.

But that the Reader may clearly understand the whole, I must remind him of what he has read in Print of the Duke's being present at several Horse-Races this year, and among the rest, this at *Wallis* in *Cheshire*, where he won the Plate, and a great deal of Applause, and a great Concourse of People, as well attending his Grace there, as following him elsewhere; Information was given in to his Majesty of several Riotous and Tumultuous Assemblies caused by his Grace; whereupon a Warrant was issued out from Sir *L. Jenkins*, one of his Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, to Attach his Grace Duke of *Monmouth*, Dated *Sept.* 15th. 1682. and directed to one of his Majesties Serjeants at Arms; which being delivered to the said Mr. Serjeant, he applied himself with all expedition to find his Grace, and was made acquainted that his Grace did bend his Journey towards *Newcastle under Line*, whither he also steered his Course, receiving Information

that on *Sunday* the 17th. his Grace was at the Earl of *Marfield's*, and on *Monday* Sept. 18 his Grace came to *Trenton*, where he supped, and also dined the next day, being *Sept. 19.* and the same day went to *Newcastle*, where 'tis supposed he lay that night.

And on *Wednesday* the 20th. his Grace came to *Stafford*, on his Journey towards *London*; where also the same day came the Serjeant at Arms, having pursued his Journey with all imaginable diligence; and understanding that his Grace with his Retinue had alighted at a private House in the Heart of the Town, being a *Mercers*, he went thither, and found His Grace in a very spacious Room, with such Provisions as the House could afford, with several eminent Gentlemen of that and other Counties, that usually attend those Recreations that are held at such seasons of the year, He made up to his Grace, and delivered his Message; who received it with that deportment as is suitable to men of his Figure in the world. His Grace desired to see his Warrant, which was under the Hand of Sir *L. Jenkins*, Knight, one of his Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, and Principal Secretary of State, and was to this effect;

WHereas His Majesty hath received Information that *James Duke of Monmouth* hath lately appeared in several parts of this Kingdom with great Numbers of People in a riotous and unlawful manner, to the disturbance of the Publick Peace, and to the Terror of his Majesties good Subjects: These are therefore in His Majesties Name, and by his special Command, to will and require you forthwith to repair to any place where you shall understand the said Duke of *Monmouth* to be, and him forthwith to apprehend and bring in safe Custody before me or any of the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to answer to such things as on His Majesties behalf shall be objected to him the said Duke of *Monmouth*, and for so doing this shall be your VVarrant, and all Mayors, Sheriffes, Constables, and all others His Majesties Officers are hereby required to be herein aiding & assisting to you, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

To *John Ramsey Esquire*, one of His Majesties Serjeants at Arms.

Which

Which Warrant his *Grace* having read, He readily and cheerfully submitted to, and immediately repaired towards *London*, and that very night Lodged at *Cloisell* in *Warwickshire*.

The next day, being Thursday September the 21. His *Grace* departed thence, and came about noon to *Courtesy*, where notwithstanding Mr. *Sergeant* took all the care possible, to prevent any disorders or tumults; but it being bruited abroad that his *Grace* was under restrictions, the multitude gathered thick, and broke out into several shouts and acclamations. They departed after a very short stay and came that night to *Taicester* in *Northamptonshire*, where his *Grace* lay: But here very late at night, a Drummer would needs entertain His *Grace* with a piece of War, and would not be perswaded to desist, though he was told, he disturbed His *Grace*'s rest; till Mr. *Sergeant* was forced to exert his Authority, and commanded him to leave off; or to do the contrary at his peril.

September the 22. His *Grace* came to *St. Albans*, and there Lodged; in the mean while Sr. *Thomas Armstrong* had hasted to *London*, and procured an *Habeas Corpus* from Judge *Raymond*, with which he met his *Grace* at *St. Albans*: Whereupon there arose a considerable Debate, between His *Grace* the Duke of *Monmouth*, His Council, and the Serjeant at Arms, whether the *Habeas Corpus* should supersede the Warrant or not; but the Serjeant at Arms managing that Affair, with great prudence, perswaded His *Grace* to appear at *White Hall*, which he did the 23. instant being Saturday, before Sr. *Lionel Jenkins*, where he refusing to be examined by him, was recommitted by a second Warrant to the same Serjeant at Arms, the Substance whereof is to this purpose.

WHereas *James Duke of Monmouth*, now remains a Prisoner in your Custody for several Riots by Him committed, and hath been required to find Sureties, which he hath refused; You the said Serjeant are required to keep the said Duke in custody, till he shall find Sureties to keep the Peace, till the first day of next *Michaelmas* Term, or be discharged according to Law.

And so abiding in durance, Saturday, Sunday, and part of Monday, at Serjeant *Ramsley*'s House, in *Tork Buildings* in the Strand, where his *Grace* was visited by several persons of Eminent Quality, He was on Monday in the forenoon, presented to Judge *Raymond*, where the Serjeant at Arms made this following Return on both the Warrants, to the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* according to the Statute in that case provided. The Substance whereof you have here translated for your better understanding.

I *John Ramsley Esq;* one of the Serjeants of our Lord the King at Arms, *Thomas Raymond Knight*, one of the Justices of our Lord the King, to a Plea before the said King to be held, and assigned in these Writs, and the Scedule annexed are mention'd, Humbly certifying that before the coming of these Writs to me directed, to wit, the twentieth day of September, in the year of the Reign of our Lord the King, *Charles the Second*, that now is, King of England, &c. the thirty fourth Year, I have taken the Body of the within named *James Duke of Monmouth* in the aforesaid Writs mentioned, by virtue of a certain Warrant, the Tenor whereof you have read before.

And

And this is the Cause of the Taking and Detaining of the aforesaid James Duke of Monmouth, whose Body before the said Judge Raymond, the day and place in the aforesaid Writ mentioned, is ready to have, as by these Writs is intended, and to me is directed.

The Judge thereupon accepted Bail, to two several Recognizances on the several Warrants, the Duke in a Recognizance of ten thousand pound, and his five Sureties two thousand pound each, on the first Recognizance, and three thousand pound a piece on the second Recognizance, which Bayl, were the Earl of *Clare*, Lord *Russel*, Lord *Grey of Wark*, *Levison Gower Esq*, and *John Offery Esq*.

And thus you have the best Account that can be given of Matter of Fact, in reference to the late Business of the Duke of Monmouth, which was the whole design of this Paper, to inform the Readers knowledg thereabout; And let him (if he thinks fit) draw from thence what Inferences and Conclusions he please, which will not be decided untill *Michaelmas Term* next.

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